



Embassy of the United States of America
Guatemala City, Guatemala
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Dear American Citizen Warden:

The following Warden Message concerns new passport fees and regulations. Please share this information with the American citizens on your warden list, and any other Americans you know, as soon as possible. It should be disseminated as widely as possible within the American citizen community. Please contact the American Citizen Services section via e-mail (amcitsguatemala@state.gov), fax (2326-4655), or telephone (2326-4405) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your support and assistance.

Estimado guardián para Ciudadanos Americanos:

El siguiente es un mensaje concerniente a los nuevos precios y regulaciones de pasaportes norteamericanos. Por favor comparta esta información con los Ciudadanos Norteamericanos en su listado y cualquier otro Ciudadano Norteamericano que usted conozca, tan pronto como le sea posible. Esto debe ser divulgado extensamente dentro de la Comunidad de Ciudadanos Americanos. Por favor comuníquese con la Sección de Servicios a Ciudadanos Americanos vía correo electrónico a (amcitsguatemala@state.gov) fax (2326-4655) ó número telefónico (2326-4405) si tiene alguna pregunta o si necesita mayor información en español. Muchas gracias por su colaboración y ayuda.

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CONSULAR WARDEN MESSAGE

**Subject: Increases to U.S. Passport Fees and
New Parental Signature Requirements for U.S. Minors**

On February 1, 2008, the U.S. Government will increase its fees for certain U.S. citizen passport services. For adult applicants renewing a passport, the total fee will increase to \$75. For first-time applicants age 16 and over, the total fee will increase to \$100. The fee for minors under 16 years of age will be \$85.

Effective February 1, 2008, passport applicants who are U.S. citizen minors under the age of 16 must appear personally with their parents to establish identity, proof of citizenship and proof of relationship. For parental application permission, both parents must appear together and sign, or one parent may appear to sign and submit the other parent's notarized statement, or one parent may appear, sign, and submit primary evidence of sole authority. Minors age 16 and 17 may apply in person with their own identification, but for security reasons, parental consent may be required. If your child does not have identification of their own, a parent will be required to accompany the child and present identification.

Please refer to the Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov for complete information on all new requirements, including downloadable revised forms that must be used as of February 1, and the U.S. Embassy website at <http://guatemala.usembassy.gov/>, for complete U.S. passport application instructions.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website <http://guatemala.usembassy.gov/> and the U.S. Department of State's travel website at www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Citizens living and residing in Guatemala are advised to register their presence in the country through the U.S. Department of State's automated online registration system, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens may also contact the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy via e-mail or by calling 502-2326-4405. This complete message is available on the Embassy's website at <http://guatemala.usembassy.gov/>.

The U.S. Embassy in Guatemala is located at Avenida Reforma 7-01, Zone 10, Guatemala City. Please contact the American Citizen Services section by phone at 011-(502)2326-4405, by fax at (502)2326-4655, or by sending an email to amcitsguatemala@state.gov. The after-hours emergency number is 011-502-2331-2354 or (502)2331-2354.